First Congregational
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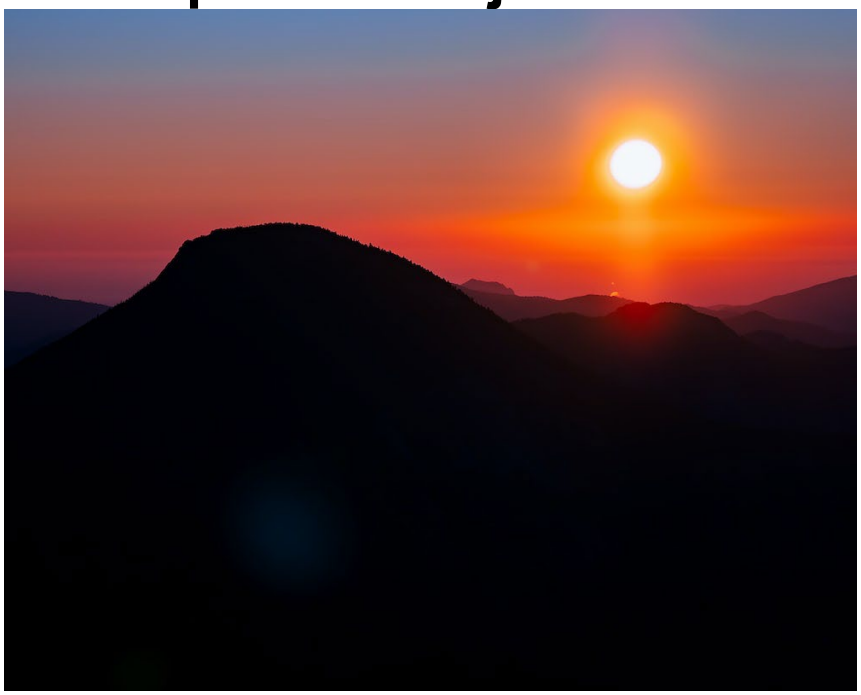
An open and affirming community committed to peace and justice



August 20, 2023
10:00 am

“Bold Moves”

No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, You are welcome here!

WORSHIP ON ZOOM -- Zoom opens at 9:30 am Sunday morning.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7643282234

Meeting ID: 764 328 2234
Passcode: Ypsi1882
To join by phone, dial the number, 1-312-626-6799

- Welcome to Ypsilanti First Congregational UCC's Hybrid Worship Service
- Hymns are included in the worship bulletin. A separate hymnal is not needed.
- If you are joining worship for the first-time on Zoom, please add your name and email to the chat so the Zoomie Greeter can introduce you.
- Thank you for choosing to worship with us today!

OPEN AND AFFIRMING COVENANT OF
First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti

First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti celebrates everyone, including people of all ages, races, cultures, sexual orientations, gender identifies and expressions, family configurations, economic circumstances, physical, cognitive or emotional abilities, education or spiritual or religious traditions. All are welcome to participate fully in the life, leadership, ministry, and missions of this church as we seek to grow together in a safe, nurturing community of faith. We strive to demonstrate in all ways that "NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE OR WHERE YOU ARE ON LIFE'S JOURNEY, YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!"

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

RINGING THE BELL *Start Zoom Recoding to Cloud **MARTY KLEINO**

PRELUDE **"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"** **JOSHUA CATANIA**
Melchoir Teschner

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS **PATTY SHERWOOD**

- A warm welcome to all, including first-time visitors.
- As stated in our Open and Affirming Covenant (previous page), all persons are welcome in this community of faith.
- **Anne Marie Nicoll-Turner,** Zoom Host, will introduce folks participating in worship.
- Please share your announcements so everyone can learn what is happening in our beloved community.
- Please submit written announcements to by e-mail to Margaret Harner, Worship Coordinator, margaretsharner@gmail.com

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

GATHERING HYMN *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"There Is Room for All"
76 SING

CALL TO WORSHIP *Responsive with microphones muted **PATTY SHERWOOD**

One: O God Embodied, the one made flesh who dwelt among us,
help us arrive this morning with a "yes."
A "yes" to our faith that says our bodies are good and holy,
just as and however they are.

All: A "yes" to show up here, even if our minds may be in other places at times.

One: A "yes" to believing enough in you, this community, and our own call
to know this is where we need to be in this moment.

**All: A "yes" to bringing all that comes from and through our hearts to you,
O Heart-maker.**

One: Come, let us bring ourselves to God's table of plenty.

All: With our inherent worth and dignity to guide us. Selah. Amen.

HYMN *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Liberator of All Nations"
20 ES

LISTENING FOR GOD

SCRIPTURE READING **Romans 11:1-2a; 29-36** **PATTY SHERWOOD**

HYMN *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"God of Abraham and Sarah"
20 NCH

MORNING MESSAGE Reflections on Contemplative Practices and Discernment Gleanings

PATTY SHERWOOD, DONNA EYSTER, TAD WYSOR, BARBARA GARLAND, JEANETTE SHERRILL

CONVERSING WITH THE HOLY ONE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Pause Zoom recording **PATTY SHERWOOD**

*Zoomies: Please turn on your microphone

You are invited to share your joys and petitions for prayer.
Please unmute your microphone to share a joy or make a prayer of petition.
At the end of each joy or petition, please say **"God in your mercy"**
We will respond (with microphones muted) **"Hear our prayers"**

PASTORAL PRAYER *Restart Zoom recording **PATTY SHERWOOD**

DISCIPLES' PRAYER *Unison with Microphone muted **PATTY SHERWOOD**

O Holy Spirit, you are a mystery.
You light in us the first fruits of your spirit: hope.
Help us.
Give us the patience to wait for those unseen things that are the real treasures.
Your spiritual gift of hope is for all those intangibles that Jesus lived:
Love, peace, faith, caring, and joy.
Holy Spirit, ignite in us the right, true spirit of hope,
So we become more worthy of being called God's children. Amen.

Use this moment of silence to offer your own prayers.

OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING **PATTY SHERWOOD**

We are stewards of all God gives us. We now have the opportunity to give back with thanks.

Our electronic giving platform is Tithe.ly: Link to Tithe.ly .

Checks can be mailed to:
First Congregational United Church of Christ
PO Box 980413, Ypsilanti, MI 48198

Thank you for your generosity!

OFFERTORY **"All Hail the Power of Jesus Name"** **JOSHUA CATANIA**
Oliver Holden

DOXOLOGY *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Take My Gifts" v 2, 562 NCH

Take the fruits that I have gathered from the tree your Spirit sowed,
Harvest of your own compassion, juice that makes the wine of God,
Spiced with humor, laced with laughter, flavor of the Jesus life,
*Tang of risk and new adventure, taste and zest beyond belief***.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *Unison with Microphone muted **PATTY SHERWOOD**

Loving God, with hearts filled with joy, we offer you these gifts of thanks, honor, and praise today.
We ask they be used according to your purpose,
Making the kin-dom of God be fulfilled on this earth. Amen.

DEPARTING WITH PRAISE

CLOSING HYMN *Microphone muted *Standing optional **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"We Shall Overcome"
570 NCH

BENEDICTION Unison with Microphone muted **PATTY SHERWOOD**

As we move from this time of worship,
let us thank God for showing us the way of Jesus.
Let us celebrate the Spirit who helps us believe again,
we are part of God's great design.
Let us go forth in Jesus' name to love and serve. Amen.

POSTLUDE **"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"** **JOSHUA CATANIA**
Christian Bateman

PASSING THE PEACE **FRIENDS GATHERED**

*Save Zoom Recording to Cloud (click "yes")

Share a greeting with others as we transition to our casual **Friendship Time.**

Zoom Only Sunday Worship 10:00 am

Tiffanie Waldron, Music Director
Joshua Catania, Accompanist
Jenn Zibbell, MID
Patty Sherwood, Worship Leader

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- **Prayer of Dedication:** Kate Gregory, in *GatheringWorsip.ca*
- **Benediction:** Scott Martin, in *GatheringWorship.ca*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For pastoral care needs and/or emergencies, please call or text Marty Kleino, Congregational Life Coordinator at 734-262-1419.

Thank you to Patty, Donna, Tad, Barb, and Jeanette for sharing their thoughts, faith and love this morning. Our faith community is engaged in discerning our future direction. For two years we were engaged in discernment with Pastor Liz's leadership and guided by Susan Beaumont's book, *How to Lead When You Don't Know Where You're Going,* we developed our **Mission-Vision-Values (**see below). Our discernment continues under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Jeanette Sherrill as we develop an action plan. Contributing to the success of our discernment work was the opportunity to join *Engaging Christian Contemplative Practices* seminar, offered by The Center for Transformational Leadership. Tuition for the 6-sessions was made possible by a grant we from the Michigan Conference Vital Growth Team.

Worship Next Week: Bringing the Message, Rev. John Rohde; Zoom Host, Anne Marie Nicoll-Turner; Worship Leader, Rev. Nancy Rohde

Church Council meets this Wednesday, August 23rd, 7:00 pm. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

Mission-Vision-Values Statement, Ypsilanti First Congregational UCC

Ypsi UCC Mission Statement - Having received God's expansive and unconditional love, we act in ways to extend God's love and care locally and globally, striving for inclusion in all its forms.
Ypsi UCC Vision Statement - We aspire to be a community of faith that builds on the gift of God's expansive, unconditional love. We persistently strive, with many others, to find real life ways to creatively use God's powerful instrument of love. With God, we seek to shape a caring community where ALL people can live their best lives, comfortable in a sense of belonging, participation, safety, and abundance.
Ypsi UCC Values Statement -
Inclusion. We seek to be a bold place to belong and a courageous spiritual home where all persons feel accepted. Our exuberant welcome is grounded in our UCC Open and Affirming Covenant celebrating everyone--including people of all ages, races, cultures, sexual orientations, gender identities, gender expressions, family configurations, economic circumstances, education, physical ability, cognitive ability, mental health, and spiritual or religious background. We embrace language inclusive of our understanding of God and of each other.
Equity. Committed to building equity in all systems, we take action by working for Justice, Peace, and Creation Care in our surrounding neighborhoods and the wider world. We are challenged to learn and grow spiritually**,** to be sent out to serve in a diverse variety of personal, vocational, and

community social justice and leadership settings**,** according to our spiritual gifts and unique sense of God's call.
Caring. Guided by biblical Scripture and Jesus' vision of radical, counter-cultural love, we share kindness and compassion by responding with generosity and respect. We connect with others to build strong relationships based on mutual trust, authenticity, and integrity.
Resilience. Grounded in faith and hope in an abundant future, we persistently and organically rise to the challenges in front of us by cohesively pulling together in times of adversity and struggle.
Innovation. We embrace change with creativity and optimism trusting God to open new doors. We take informed risks to experiment with progressive novel ways to worship and serve that honor being in partnership with each other and with our wider community.

OUR MINISTRIES

HOLY GROUNDS AND TEA FOR THE SOUL

During the Omicron (COVID) surge members of Ypsi UCC provided local coffee, tea, coffee cups, and single packaged snacks for the night shift at Trinity Health St. Joe Mercy Hospital where Rev. Dan Kidder-McQuown is the night challplain. While the COVID crisis has partially resolved, the stress level of the night staff has not. Contributing factors include the long-term emerging effects of COVID, a lack of staff, a nation-wide nurse shortage, and staff burnout. The night shift greatly appreciates this ministry of hospitality and caring.

Please consider donating coffee (locally roasted by Michigan companies,) tea, single packaged candy/snacks and other things that accompany tea. Contact Marty Kleino at Mgkleino@gmail.com or 734-262-1419 to have your donation delivered to St. Joes. If you would like more information about this ministry, please contact Dan Kidder-McQuown at mcq188@gmail.com.

IMMIGRATION MINISTRY – WASHTENAW INTERFAITH COALITION FOR IMMIGRANT RIGHTS (WICIR)

Since 2008, **WICIR** has been working with, and in support of, immigrants in Washtenaw County facing challenges of many kinds. At our inception the primary need that brought us together was to support people facing enforcement action by ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement); most often detention, deportation, and removal. To date, WICIR has responded to 650 calls. Always in partnership with folks most affected, many actions and services have evolved as identified by our immigrant siblings, while always keeping focused on our original mission:

To provide culturally sensitive and supportive urgent response to those in Washtenaw County in immigration-related crises; impact local governmental policies to empower and protect immigrant community members; and work toward humane national immigration reform.

Our outreach has been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Many in immigrant communities have experienced significant challenges as they struggle to pay rent, provide food for their families and other basic survival needs. To respond, WICIR, in partnership with Mexiquenses in Michigan (from St. Francis of Assisi Parish), has raised and distributed $200,000 relief funds to immigrants and their families. We have a waiting list of those still in need and will continue this effort as funds are available.

For information about what's happening with immigrant rights and **Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights**, or if you are interested in learning ways to help, please contact Melanie Harner at melharner@gmail.com or through the WICIR website: https://wicir.org/. You can also find a link on the church website.

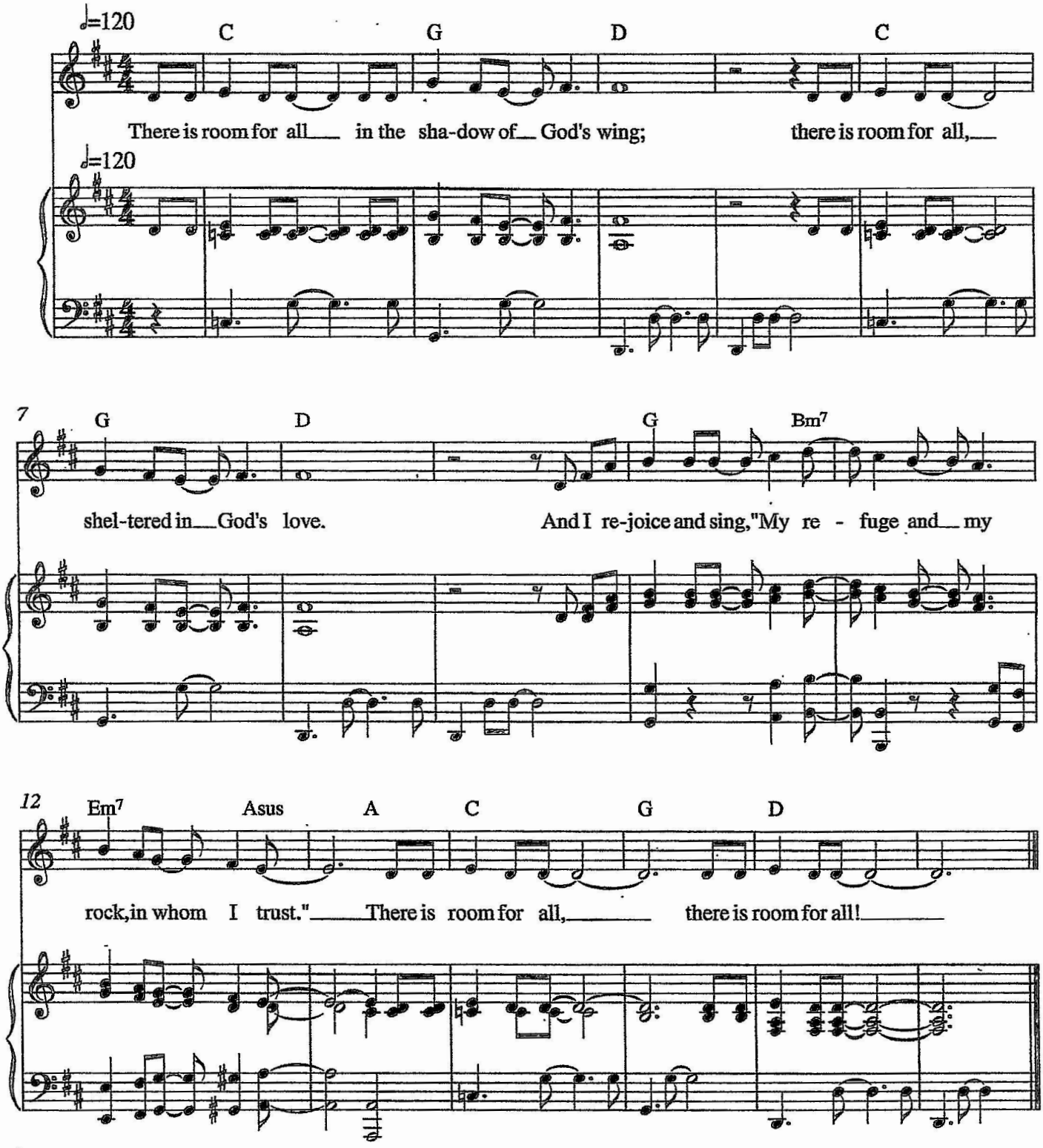
WASHTENAW REGIONAL ORGANIZING COALITION

First Congregational is a founding institution of the local "organization of organizations" **WeROC (Washtenaw Regional Organizing Coalition)**. In many ways, WeROC is a larger illustration of the values and mission we try to live out at First Congregational. WeROC members are, at our core, focused on intentionally re-weaving the frayed fabric of community at a time when forces are at work every day to keep us fragmented, suspicious of each other, feeling isolated. Especially in this time when so many are being hit by the health and economic crises, WeROC's focus on raising voices of those most affected is more important than ever (See COVID-19 Resources at www.werocmi.org) WeROC's Mission Statement is:

WeROC brings together faith, labor, community organizations, and individuals to build the healthy collective power needed to break down the systems that sustain injustice, racism, and economic inequality.

WeROC is affiliated with the Detroit Metro organization MOSES and the Gamliel National Network. Contact Tad Wysor at tadwysor@gmail.com or 734-883-3225.

This past election year showed us good things can happen when we're working together in the same direction. WeROC is moving rapidly **forward** to keep momentum going and find ways to continue to be more effective together in making our communities healthier and more vibrant places; improving the lives of *everyone* in big ways-- especially those who are most vulnerable and whose voice have seldom been heard.

There Is Room for All

♩=120
C G D C
There is room for all in the sha-dow of God's wing; there is room for all,
♩=120
7
G D G Bm7
shel-tered in God's love. And I re-joice and sing,"My re - fuge and my
12
Em7 Asus A C G D
rock,in whom I trust." There is room for all, there is room for all!

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Liberator of All Nations

Words and music by
Raquel Mora Martinez

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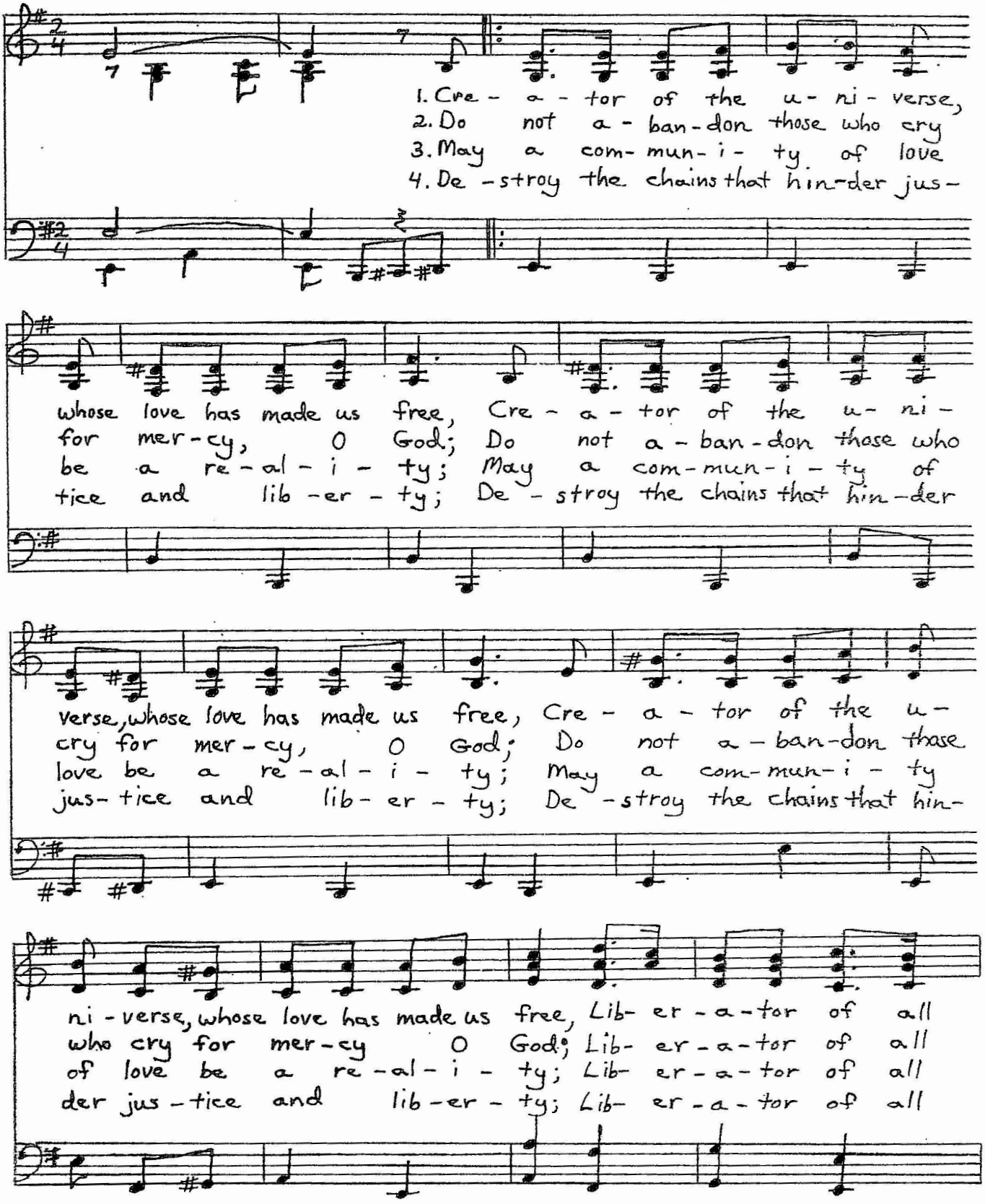
1. Cre - a - tor of the u - ni - verse,
2. Do not a - ban - don those who cry
3. May a com - mun - i - ty of love
4. De - stroy the chains that hin - der jus -
whose love has made us free, Cre - a - tor of the u - ni -
for mer - cy, O God; Do not a - ban - don those who
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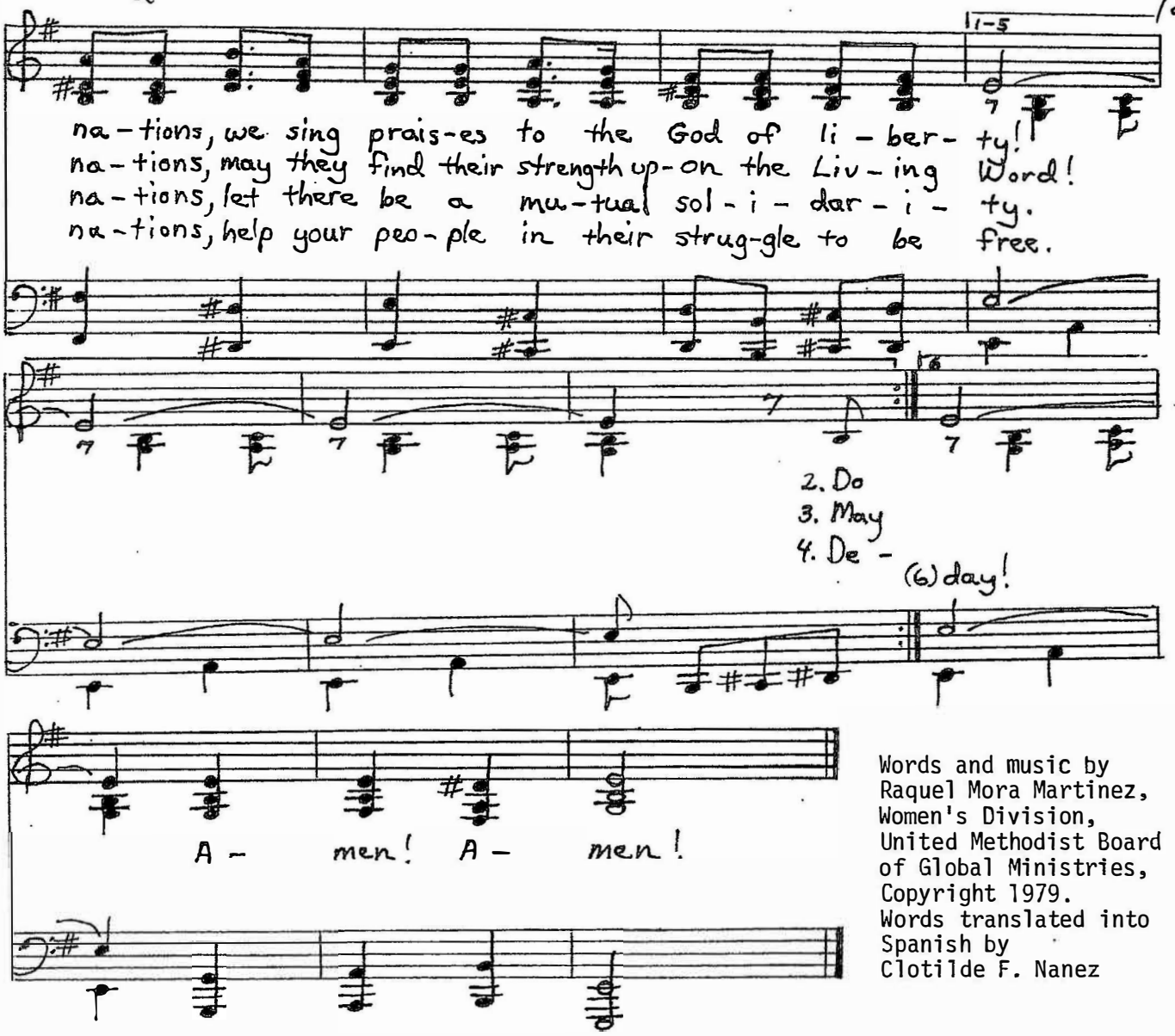

1-5
na-tions, we sing prais-es to the God of li-ber-ty!
na-tions, may they find their strength up-on the Liv-ing Word!
na-tions, let there be a mu-tual sol-i-dar-i-ty.
na-tions, help your peo-ple in their strug-gle to be free.
2. Do
3. May
4. De-
(6) day!
A-men! A-men!

Words and music by
Raquel Mora Martinez,
Women's Division,
United Methodist Board
of Global Ministries,
Copyright 1979.
Words translated into
Spanish by
Clotilde F. Nanez

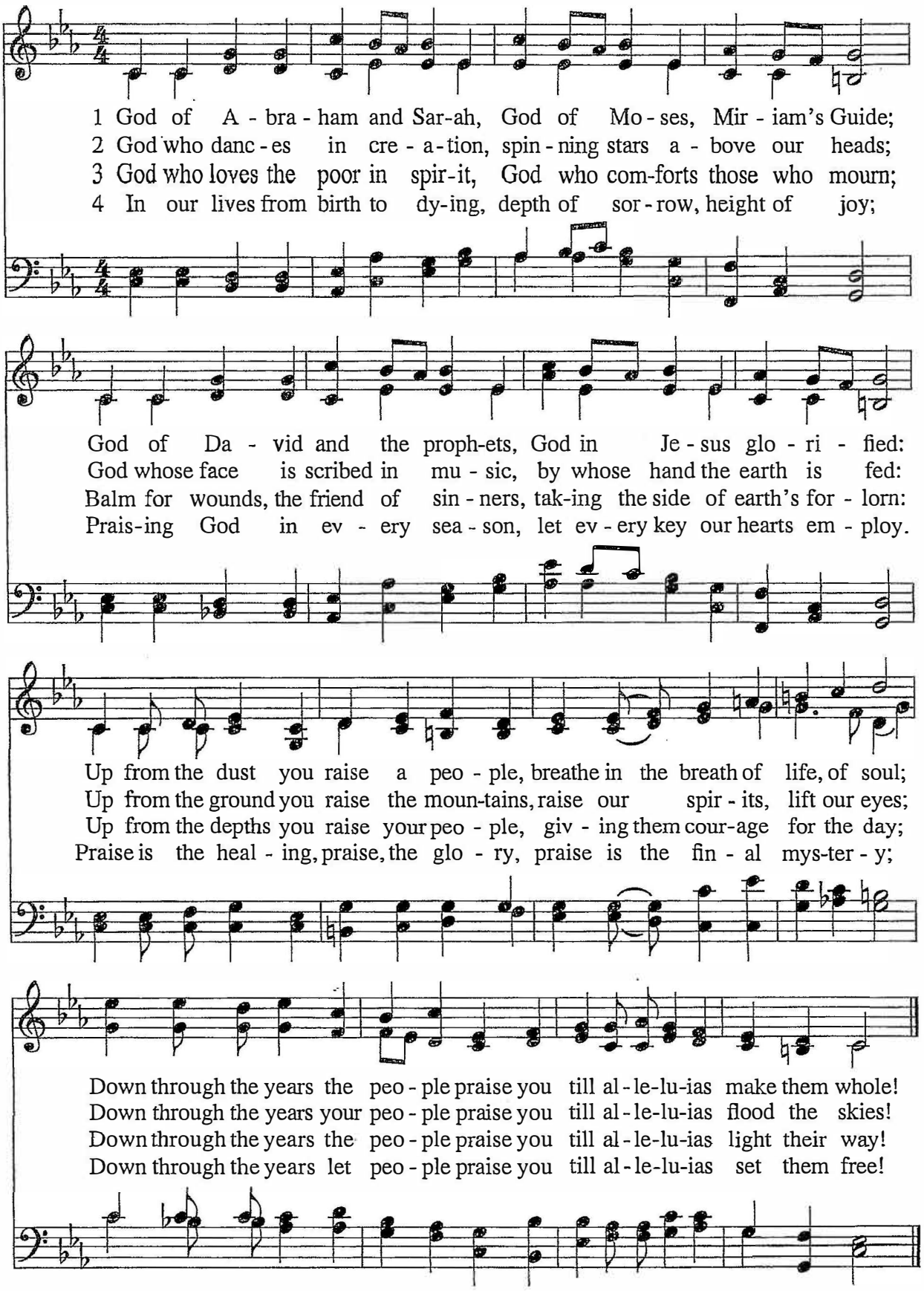
5. Your power and your glory manifest through us indeed; (3 times)
   Liberator of all nations, help us answer to the call of human need.
6. That we may be united in one spirit, we pray. (3 times)
   Liberator of all nations, make your presence known throughout the world
   this day. Amen! Amen!

SPANISH TRANSLATION:

1. Creador del universo cuyo amor nos libertó (3 veces),
   Redentor de las naciones; damos preces al gran Dios de libertad.
2. No abandones a los que te imploran piedad (3 veces),
   Redentor de las naciones, que encuentren fortaleza en tu verdad.
3. Que una comunidad de amor sea una realidad (3 veces),
   Redentor de las naciones, que exista mutua solidaridad.
4. Destruye las cadenas que impiden libertad (3 veces),
   Redentor de las naciones, dá sostén al que anhela libertad.
5. Tu fuerza y tu gloria manifiesta en nuestra acción (3 veces),
   Redentor de las naciones, que al que sufre ayudemos con amor.
6. Que nos unámos es espiritu, es nuestra oración (3 veces),
   Redentor de la naciones, manifiéstate a tu pueblo por doquiér. Amen. Amen.

20 God of Abraham and Sarah

James Gertmenian, 1986; alt.


1 God of A - bra - ham and Sar-ah, God of Mo - ses, Mir - iam's Guide;
2 God who danc - es in cre - a - tion, spin - ning stars a - bove our heads;
3 God who loves the poor in spir-it, God who com-forts those who mourn;
4 In our lives from birth to dy-ing, depth of sor - row, height of joy;
God of Da - vid and the proph-ets, God in Je - sus glo - ri - fied:
God whose face is scribed in mu - sic, by whose hand the earth is fed:
Balm for wounds, the friend of sin - ners, tak-ing the side of earth's for - lorn:
Prais-ing God in ev - ery sea - son, let ev - ery key our hearts em - ploy.
Up from the dust you raise a peo - ple, breathe in the breath of life, of soul;
Up from the ground you raise the moun-tains, raise our spir - its, lift our eyes;
Up from the depths you raise your peo - ple, giv - ing them cour-age for the day;
Praise is the heal - ing, praise, the glo - ry, praise is the fin - al mys-ter - y;
Down through the years the peo - ple praise you till al - le-lu-ias make them whole!
Down through the years your peo - ple praise you till al - le-lu-ias flood the skies!
Down through the years the peo - ple praise you till al - le-lu-ias light their way!
Down through the years let peo - ple praise you till al - le-lu-ias set them free!

The healing power of praise and the history of God's dealings with humankind are the themes of this hymn, written by a United Church of Christ minister who is the grandson of Armenian immigrants. The tune is named for his father.

Tune: CONSTANTINE 8.7.8.7.D.
Melody by James Gertmenian, 1986
Harm. Ronald Huntington, 1986; alt.

We Shall Overcome

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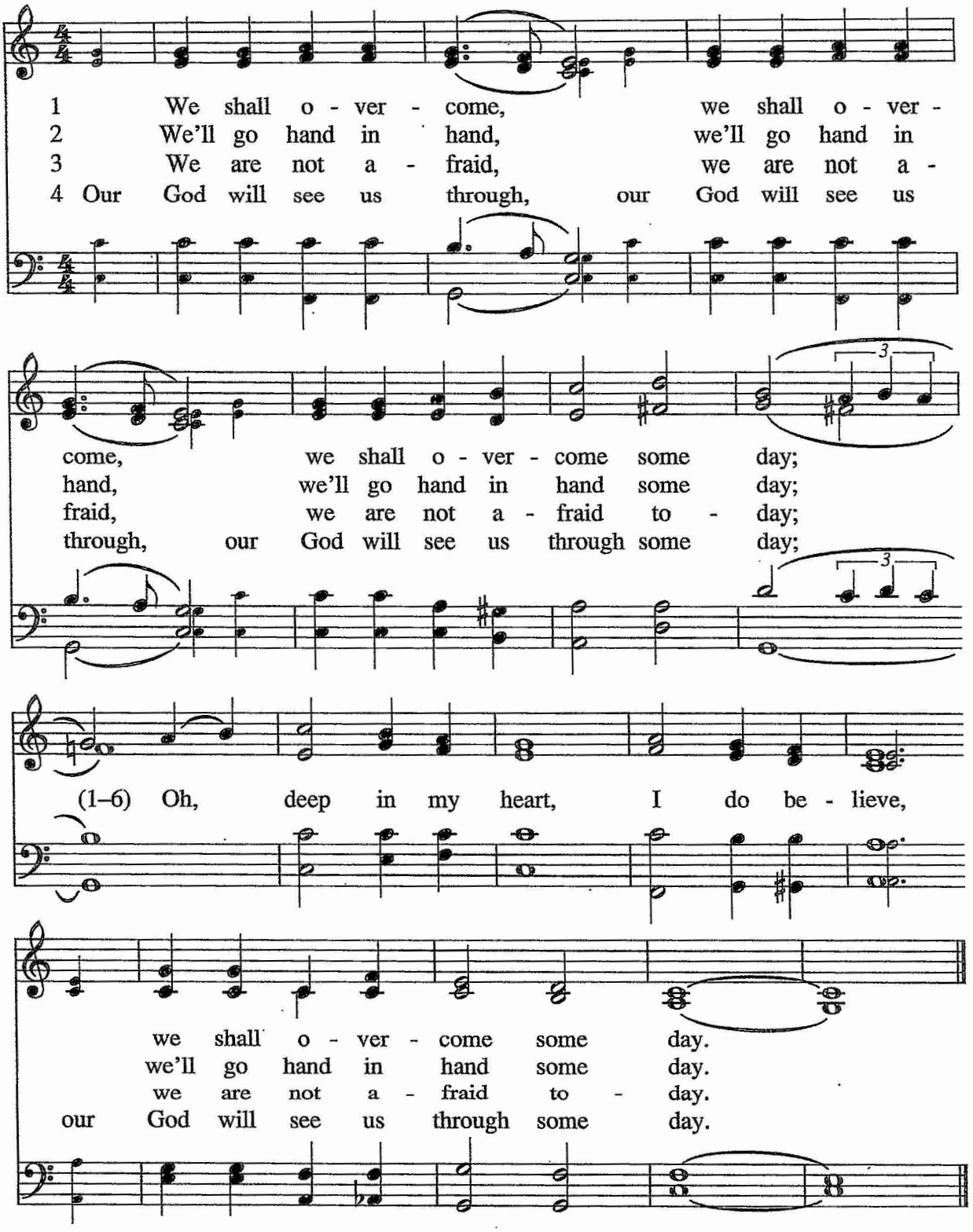
United States traditional

John 8:31–32; Rom. 12:21; 2 Cor. 13:11

1 We shall o - ver - come, we shall o - ver -
2 We'll go hand in hand, we'll go hand in
3 We are not a - fraid, we are not a -
4 Our God will see us through, our God will see us
come, we shall o - ver - come some day;
hand, we'll go hand in hand some day;
fraid, we are not a - fraid to - day;
through, our God will see us through some day;
(1–6) Oh, deep in my heart, I do be - lieve,
we shall o - ver - come some day.
we'll go hand in hand some day.
we are not a - fraid to - day.
our God will see us through some day.

5 The truth shall make us free . . . some day.
6 We shall live in peace . . . some day.

This anthem of the 1960s civil rights movement was frequently sung at mass meetings and marches. Several sources have been cited as its origins, including the spiritual "No more auction block for me" based on the tune known as Sicilian Mariners; *an old Baptist hymn "I'll Be All Right"; and part of the text from C. A. Tindley's gospel hymn "I'll Overcome Someday."*

Tune: WE SHALL OVERCOME Irr.
United States traditional
Harm. J. Jefferson Cleveland, 1981